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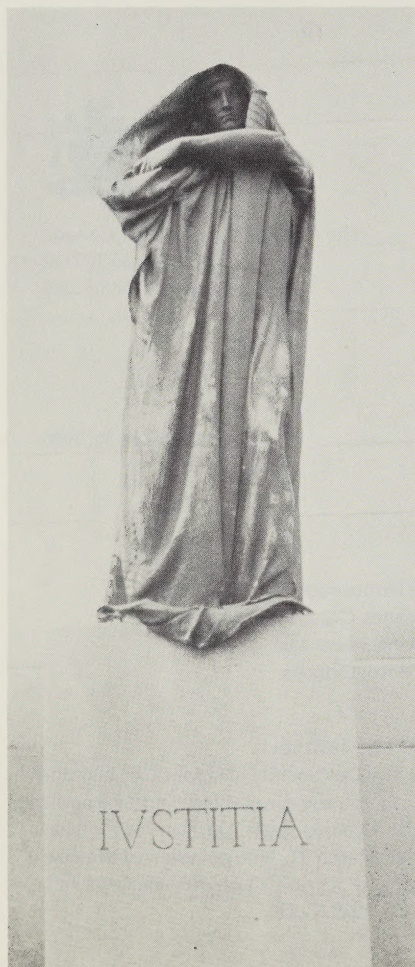
Dear Mr. Attorney

The Law Society of Upper Canada submits to you the nineteenth Annual Report of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan for the year ended March 31, 1986 pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of The Legal Aid Act, R.S.O., 1970, C.239.

Yours very truly

Arthur R.A. Scace, Q.C.
Treasurer

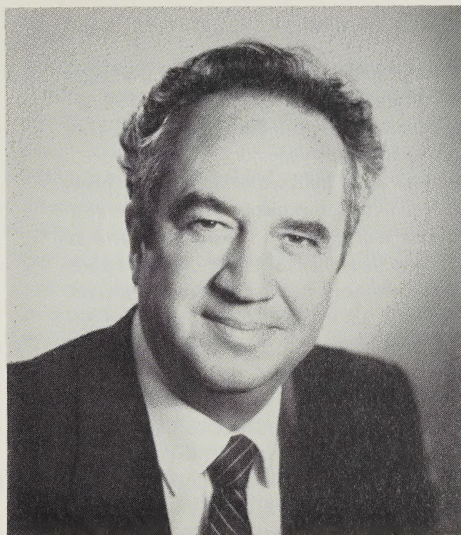
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Chairman's Message



The fiscal year ended March 31, 1986, was an exciting and challenging one involving, as it did, increased demands on the Plan for services and on-going negotiations with the Ministry of the Attorney General regarding the Tariff. As well, the Plan moved forward in its efforts to speed payments to the thousands of lawyers who act for legally-aided clients each year and it also received the results of a test by the Ministry of Community and Social Services which examines the eligibility guidelines of the Plan and recommends who receives free or subsidized Legal Aid.

As this Report also shows, the Plan's Sub-Committees and Area Committees performed their tasks with vigour to ensure that the people of Ontario continue to receive the best Legal Aid services possible.

The results of the negotiations between The Law Society and the Ministry of the Attorney General concerning the Tariff are outlined in a special section of this Report. However, and just as important to the operations of the Plan, I believe we must take note of a number of initiatives outlined on the next page upon which the Plan made progress during the past fiscal year. These initiatives were outlined in a letter from me in April, 1986, to the Attorney General and fall into two broad categories - service to those in need of legal advice and representation and administrative matters.

In his response, the Attorney General said:

"I applaud you for the fine work you are doing in order to enhance the Legal Aid Plan's ability to serve the needs of the people of Ontario. The initiatives you have outlined in your letter are wide ranging, and have obviously been well thought out. They will certainly provide a large number of important groups with much more effective access to needed legal services.

"These innovations demonstrate the ability of the Law Society, through the Legal Aid Committee, to respond to changing needs and circumstances."

I am grateful to the Attorney General and his staff for their support in the steps the Plan is taking to improve its services and administration and I am confident that continued co-operation in this important and unique partnership will maintain the Plan's services at their current high levels while, at the same time, retain efficiency in the delivery of those services.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Benchers, members of the Legal Aid Committee and its Sub-Committees, members of local Area Committees, Area Directors, Clinic Boards of Directors and the staff of the Plan for their unstinting work during the fiscal year on behalf of the people of Ontario.

Lee K. Ferrier, Q.C., Chairman.

Introduction

In his letter to the Attorney General the Legal Aid Committee Chairman pointed to the following matters on which the Plan had moved forward during the fiscal year:

- Meetings were held with lawyers and those involved in the administration of shelters for battered women. As a result, the Plan has increased its ability to respond to the needs of the thousands of women across Ontario who seek advice and assistance through these shelters.;
- The Plan has improved its services to the handicapped through the provision of a TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf) in its York County Area Office and through its program to ensure that all Legal Aid offices and Community Legal Clinics are accessible to the disabled. As well, a Legal Aid representative will visit the home of any handicapped or elderly person who cannot attend at one of the Plan's offices.;
- The Plan continues to improve its ability to serve the French-speaking citizens of Ontario. Whenever a job vacancy has occurred in a designated area, the position has been filled by a bilingual candidate. In addition, the Plan is devising new methods to provide improved Legal Aid services to French-speaking applicants in areas where French-speaking employees are not yet in place.;
- New initiatives have taken place with respect to the delivery of legal services to native populations in remote sections of Northern Ontario. Among them, and in order to ensure that justice is not only done but is seen to be done, Duty Counsel no longer travel to remote communities with the regular Court party. Instead, Duty Counsel go to the communities at least one day in advance to help those who will be attending court on both criminal and non-criminal matters. The Plan is also looking into methods whereby Duty Counsel services might be combined with the Clinic delivery system.;
- In January, 1986, the Plan's new response to the legal needs of Ontario's psychiatric patients was implemented. In conjunction with the Ministry of Health, the Plan now guarantees that any patient committed to a psychiatric unit is visited either by a Patient Advocate or a Duty Counsel. This program was preceded by a series of training programs throughout the Province in order to ensure that Duty Counsel are familiar with Mental Health Law.;
- The Plan's services to inmates have been expanded in light of the right to counsel provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the case law which relates to these provisions.;
- In recognition of the importance of uniformity across Ontario, the Plan has expanded its program through which staff of the Provincial Office meet with local Area Directors and Area Committees on a regular basis.;
- The Plan's excellent Research Facility continued to expand its services to lawyers acting on behalf of legally-aided clients, increased its sales to lawyers acting for privately-retained clients and has entered into an agreement with a firm to act as the Facility's sales agent outside Ontario. These changes will enhance the revenue earned by the Facility.;
- The Plan has increased substantially the amount of funds received from client contributions and recoveries of costs. This increase is the result of a new policy regarding interest charged on liens as well as the diligent work by local Area Directors and the Plan's Collections Department.;
- A study is underway in the York County Area Office to help decide how best to monitor the financial circumstances of legal aid recipients after they have received a Legal Aid certificate.;
- Steps are being taken to examine the possible computerization of the Legal Aid Tariff to reduce further the administrative costs associated with processing thousands of accounts from lawyers each year.;
- A further and detailed review of the Plan's policy on authorizing and paying for necessary disbursements is being undertaken to reduce administrative costs.;
- The Plan continues to monitor the implementation of the many recommendations of a management consulting report to ensure that the cost-savings identified therein are realized wherever possible.

Tariff

As reported in last year's Annual Report, negotiations between The Law Society and the Ministry of the Attorney General continued throughout 1984 and 1985 regarding the tariff of fees paid to participating lawyers.

In March, 1985, an independent fact-finder was appointed by the parties and his report was made available in July of that year. The Report of the Fact-Finder recommended the elimination of the 25% statutory reduction in fees paid to lawyers and called for substantial increases to the tariff over a three year period ending in January, 1988.

In August, 1985, Attorney General Ian Scott said in an address that he saw "...some real merit in a system whereby this professional contribution (the 25% reduction) would be truly shared by all members of the profession. I see no reason why a levy, akin to the compensation fund levy we have in Ontario, could not be imposed on all members of the profession."

Additional meetings took place between the Treasurer of The Law Society, the Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee, the Under Treasurer of The Law Society and the Attorney General during which the Attorney General's proposal was discussed in detail.

As a result of these meetings and resolutions passed in Convocation in November, 1985, The Law Society accepted a proposal from the Attorney General that the tariff be increased as of December 1, 1985, by 20% as an interim measure while discussions continued.

In April, 1986, The Law Society and the Attorney General announced that agreement had been reached on the tariff.

Subject to the approval of Cabinet, The Legal Aid Act was to be amended to eliminate the 25% statutory reduction on all fees paid under the tariff. The Attorney General proposed that the change -- which would result in an increase in the tariff of 33 1/3% -- would come into effect on July 1, 1986.

As part of the agreement, The Law Society, which had already recognized the legal profession's obligation to assist in the funding of Legal Aid, was to levy each member about \$175 per year. This revenue, added to a new 5% reduction on all fees paid under the tariff, would result in the profession's underwriting 50% of the Plan's

administrative costs of about \$12 million a year.

In his letter to the Acting Treasurer, the Attorney General noted that the Law Society's initiative "...confirms my view that the Law Society's administration of legal aid advances the public interest."

He continued, "I note that our agreement will permit the full implementation of the first two stages of the factfinder's report,.... The government of Ontario accepts the findings of the factfinder, and regards his recommendations as an appropriate basis for the compensation of lawyers under the Legal Aid Plan."

The Attorney General also undertook to work towards the implementation of the final two stages of the factfinder's report "...consistent with the fiscal responsibilities of the government. Further, I can advise you that I am committed in principle to an annual review of the Legal Aid Tariff.... If the Society thinks it is necessary and appropriate a mechanism for this (review) could be formally established."

The agreement was approved by Convocation at its meeting of April 18, 1986.

On June 24, 1986, the Attorney General introduced legislation to implement the agreement. However, the legislation was not enacted prior to the Legislature's adjournment and, as of the writing of this Report, was awaiting the Fall sitting of the House.

The profession was advised in August, 1986, that for the purposes of calculating fees, they were to use the tariff figures which became effective on December 1, 1985.

Assuming the legislation is proclaimed, the profession was advised, the Plan would make retroactive payments automatically to lawyers submitting accounts on certificates issued on or after July 1, 1986 as well as for Duty Counsel services provided on or after July 1, 1986.

\$175 Levy On Members

In August, 1986, the profession was advised that The Law Society and the Plan had devised a method whereby members billing the Plan for services rendered pursuant to a Legal Aid certificate or Duty Counsel account could set off the \$175 Legal Aid fee portion of their Law Society Annual Fees against their Legal Aid receivables.

Financial and Statistical Data

Financial and Statistical Data

The total cost of the Plan during the year was \$75 million.

Provincial

The Province contributed \$58,545,700, a decrease of \$3,702,300 over 1984-85.

Federal

The Federal Government contributes to the cost of the Plan in the area of criminal law through a cost-sharing agreement with the Province. For the year, the contribution will amount to approximately \$17 million which is paid to the Provincial Government.

Under the Federal Canada Assistance Plan civil legal aid costs for persons deemed to be in need are shared on a 50-50 basis.

In respect of the 1985-86 fiscal year, about \$7 million will be paid to the Provincial Government.

Interest on Solicitors' Trust Accounts

The Law Society Act provides that the interest which accumulates in Solicitors' Trust Accounts is paid to the The Law Foundation of Ontario and that 75% of the amount received by the Foundation is paid to the Plan. For 1985-86 this amounted to \$6,330,816 compared with \$7,306,356 in the previous year. (For a breakdown of the Legal Aid Dollar, see page 32)

Liens, Client Contributions and Recoveries

During the year, contributions made by clients to the Legal Aid Fund totalled \$4,093,543 compared with \$3,263,168 last year. The amount of \$1,786,941 (\$1,480,968 last year) was received on account of client recoveries in civil matters. (See page 22).

Included in the foregoing figures is an amount of \$2,509,912 realized as a result of taking liens pursuant to Section 18 of The Legal Aid Act.

As of March 31, 1986 there were accounts receivable from clients totalling \$9,157,675 and \$8,347,033 was receivable by reason of judgments for monetary recoveries and judgment for costs. There were 31,253 liens pursuant to Section 18 of The Legal Aid Act. These liens secure part or all of the cost of legal aid services in individual cases where the legally-aided client was unable to

make a cash contribution but had equity in land. The value of such liens is estimated at \$26,276,473. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 30,141 liens with an estimated value of \$23,562,000.

Lawyers' Contribution re: 25%

The Legal Aid Act calls for a reduction by each lawyer of 25% of the net amount of his or her bill rendered in accordance with a tariff of fees. This is deemed to be the profession's contribution to this social service and since its inception has amounted to \$131,450,246. During the year the lawyers contribution was \$14,426,073.

Administrative Costs

Administrative expenses to operate the Plan's 47 Area Offices and the Provincial Office (See page 23), were \$12,152,984 or 16.2% of the total cost of the Plan, compared with \$11,175,269 or 16% last year.

The expenses to operate the Provincial Office during the fiscal year were \$5,270,921 or 7% of the total cost of the Plan, compared to \$4,935,276 for the fiscal year 1984-85.

The administrative expenses to operate the 47 Area Offices totalled \$6,882,063 or 9.2% of the total cost of the Plan, compared to \$6,239,993 in the previous fiscal year.

Average Cost of Criminal Cases

The majority of legal aid criminal cases (33,660) were heard by Provincial Court Judges exercising criminal jurisdiction.

The average cost of a completed criminal case rose from \$591 in 1984-85 to \$609 in 1985-86.

Average Cost of Civil Cases

In completed civil cases (26,639), the average cost in fees and disbursements rose from \$607 in 1984-85 to \$626 in 1985-86.

Of the completed civil cases, 80% concerned domestic matters. In 1985-86 there were 4,549 uncontested divorce actions completed for payment compared with 5,236 in the previous year and 16,776 cases were for other domestic matters compared with 17,087 in the previous year. (See pages 30 and 31).

Average Cost of Legal Advice

The average cost of legal advice provided pursuant to a certificate was \$78 compared with \$72 for the previous year. (See Page 30).

Legal Accounts Department

During the year, the Legal Accounts Department processed for payment 84,916 lawyer's accounts. 44,125 were paid by the Director under Section 101(2) of The Legal Aid Regulation and 29,053 were settled by the Legal Accounts Officer under Sections 101(1) and (3).

Of the total number of accounts processed, 8,178 were interim accounts and 3,560 were supplementary accounts.

At the end of the fiscal year, most Standard Form of Accounts (\$1,200 and under) were being processed within 30 days and most other accounts within 75 days.

Fees Paid to Lawyers

Seventy-six per cent of the 4,416 lawyers who billed the Plan during the fiscal year were paid less than \$10,000. The following is a breakdown of the sums paid to lawyers. (By and large, these figures do not reflect the tariff increase of 20% which became effective December 1, 1985).

Range of Earnings \$	Number of Lawyers	% of Total Lawyers Paid
1-1,000	1,247	28.2%
1,000-5,000	1,472	33.3%
5,000-10,000	645	14.6%
10,000-20,000	533	12.1%
20,000-30,000	200	4.5%
30,000-40,000	106	2.4%
40,000 and over	213	4.9%

The following table provides information on the number of years since Call to the Bar of lawyers paid.

Years since call to Bar	% of all Lawyers Paid	% of all Fees Paid
1-3	17.4%	9.7%
4-12	55.5%	60.3%
Over 12	27.1%	30.0%

Duty Counsel Activity

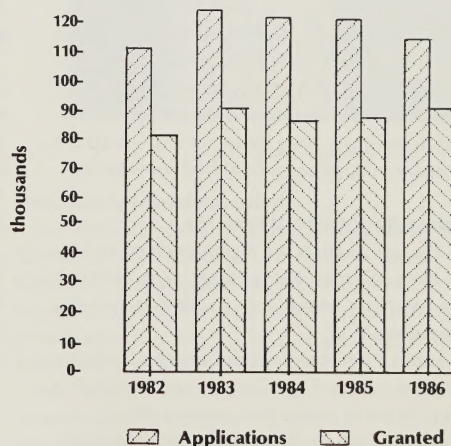
Duty Counsel activity across the Province maintained its upward trend throughout the year with 281,821 individuals receiving summary legal advice and/or representation in Ontario's Provincial Courts (Criminal and Family) compared with 270,129 last year - an increase of 4.3%. (For a detailed comparison of figures for the current and previous years, see page 29).

Certificates Issued

Of the 115,010 individuals who applied, 90,734 (or 78.9%) were approved for the issuance of a certificate - an increase of 3.7% from last year.

Certificates for criminal cases accounted for 51,068 (56.3%) of the certificates issued and civil matters, mainly domestic matters, accounted for 39,666 (43.7%) of the certificates issued. (See pages 26 and 27). The remaining applications were refused.

Applications for Legal Aid Certificates
And Certificates Granted



Administration

Collections

During the fiscal year, the Plan's Collections Department dramatically improved its recovery on liens and delinquent receivables.

The Plan received \$5,880,484 from costs and client contributions compared with \$4,744,136 in 1984-85 - an increase of \$1,136,348 or about 24%.

Investigation Department

The Plan's two investigators conducted 290 investigations during the fiscal year. Several complex and lengthy investigations were completed with the co-operation of the Ontario Provincial Police Anti-Racket Branch and the investigators of The Law Society of Upper Canada.

During the previous fiscal year, there were 349 investigations, including 53 involving serious complaints by legally-aided clients against lawyers. During 1985-86, the number of complaints in this category fell to 44 - a reduction of about 20%. This number should be seen in the context of some 500,000 individuals who were assisted by the Plan through its various components during the fiscal year.

The majority of the investigations during the fiscal year were conducted on behalf of the Provincial Director and Area Directors throughout the province concerning the operation of the Plan and assisting Area Directors to establish whether some applicants qualified for legal aid.

Appeals to the Provincial Director

The Provincial Director is empowered pursuant to the Legal Aid Act to determine ultimate entitlement to legal aid in the following circumstances:

- (1) Section 14(4) to determine appeals from the refusal of an Area Committee to issue a certificate in appellate matters, etc.;
- (2) Section 16(9) to dispose of applications for legal aid by persons not ordinarily resident in Ontario;
- (3) Section 16(10) to determine appeals by Area Directors from a decision of an Area Committee granting a certificate; and
- (4) Section 16(11) to respond to requests by the Supreme Court of Canada or the Ontario Court of Appeal to appoint counsel for an appellant or respondent in a criminal appeal.

During the fiscal year there was a moderate increase in the number of appeals to the Provincial Director from the refusal of an Area Committee to issue a certificate in appellate matters, pursuant to Section 14(4) of the Legal Aid Act. Whereas 270 such appeals were determined in the previous fiscal year, 301 were determined this fiscal year. Of those appeals, 43 were allowed and approximately two-thirds related to criminal matters.

Approximately 920 applications were considered pursuant to Section 16(9) and to Reciprocal Agreements with the other provinces and territories in Canada concerning the provision of civil legal aid.

The Plan is also a party to the Federal-Provincial Cost-Sharing Agreement respecting criminal legal aid, the terms of which require that the Plan consider all Canadians as if they were Ontario residents for the purpose of considering their entitlement to legal aid in criminal matters. The number of such other Canadians seeking criminal legal aid is not therefore included in the total previously mentioned.

Approximately 844 applications were considered pursuant to Section 16(9) by residents of countries other than Canada. Of these latter applications, 232 were in respect of immigration matters. The Plan is continuing to experience an increasing number of applications for legal aid in refugee claims.

In the fiscal year, 18 appeals were considered from Area Directors from a decision of the Area Committee granting a certificate. Of that number, the Area Director was upheld on 11 occasions.

Eligibility Review Test Project

As noted in last year's Report, the Legal Aid Committee considered and approved a proposal from the Ministry of Community and Social Services -- which conducts financial eligibility assessments on legal aid applicants -- that members of its staff conduct financial eligibility reviews on some legally-aided individuals.

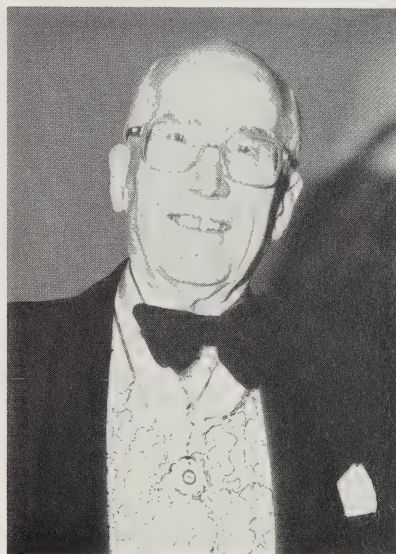
The following is an excerpt from the Executive Summary of the Project's Final Report:

The Legal Aid Eligibility Review Project was conducted by the Ministry of Community and Social Services at the request of the Ministry of the Attorney General. The purpose of the project was to test the effectiveness of the Legal Aid eligibility assessment process. Two locations were selected for participation in the survey: the Oshawa and Sault Ste. Marie MCSS local offices. Legal Aid applicants referred to the project were reassessed regarding their eligibility for assistance, and any discrepancies from the original determination of eligibility were indicated on a data collection sheet developed for the project.

A total of 53 eligibility review interviews were conducted, 31 in Sault Ste. Marie and 22 in Oshawa. The majority of individuals included were between the ages of 20 and 49, and 70% were either divorced or separated. Reasons for applying for Legal Aid reflected this fact, the majority being related to divorce or separation proceedings (including family support, child custody, division of assets, etc.). A large proportion of applicants were judged by the interviewers to have little or no potential ability to pay for the Legal Aid services they received.

The project results revealed virtually no discrepancies between the original Legal Aid eligibility assessments and the review assessments. Regarding accuracy of the applicant's originally reported income, employment status and financial eligibility for Legal Aid, the reassessments revealed that in the vast majority of the cases information reported the second time was consistent with that initially stated. In 90% of the cases, the original eligibility assessment was deemed to have been correct, with only two clearly incorrect assessments. No further contributions to the costs of Legal Aid services were found to be available among the 53 applicants reinterviewed.

The above result appears to indicate that the Legal Aid financial eligibility assessments are being accurately and effectively carried out, and that there is no need to continue conducting eligibility reassessment interviews.



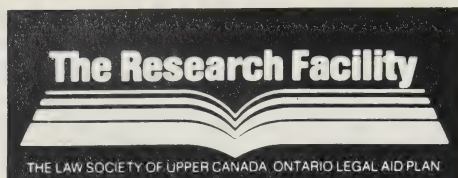
George E. Wallace, Q.C., L.S.M.

Law Society Medal Awarded

In February, 1986, The Law Society of Upper Canada presented The Law Society Medal to George E. Wallace, Q.C., of North Bay. Mr. Wallace was one of the first recipients of the new award which is given for outstanding service within the legal profession.

Mr. Wallace was called to the Bar in 1936 and created Queen's Counsel in 1952. He was a Juvenile and Family Court Judge for Nipissing District from 1953-1969 and a Judge-at-Large from 1969-1985.

A Member of the Advisory Committee to the Attorney General on Legal Aid (1968-1971), and a Member of the Osler Task Force on Legal Aid (1974), Mr. Wallace was appointed to The Law Society's Legal Aid Committee in 1971 and continues his important contribution to that Committee today. Mr. Wallace was a Benchler of The Law Society from 1971-1979.



The Research Facility is a centralized legal research unit. It does tailor-made research for lawyers throughout Ontario for their Legal Aid files. It is unique for two reasons: (1) It is Canada's most efficient legal research unit and (2) it is earning back some of the taxpayer's money which supports it.

In 1985 the Research Facility completed 2,837 files, and for the year ending July 31, 1986, it completed 3,106 files. In 1984, the Research Facility completed 2,118 files. From April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986, the number of research files increased 83%, the cost per research file decreased 31% and Research Facility expenditures increased only 21% (without taking inflation into account). As the Research Facility's database and file volume increase, its cost per file will continue to decrease. This relationship between research volume and research costs is due to the new technology of centralized legal research which the Research Facility has developed.

The Research Facility has over 400 standard memoranda of law in its sales catalogue which is advertised regularly to lawyers. They are a spin-off from a much larger electronic database, because the Research Facility has been providing custom-made, individualized memoranda of law for Legal Aid cases for seven years. It is the opinion of the Director of Research that the centralized legal research technology developed within the Research Facility will be used to create a centralized legal research industry in Canada. Many of the larger law firms are creating central research units in order to apply computer technology to legal research and to develop research specialists.

The Research Facility's increase in productivity means increased savings to Legal Aid because the Research Facility can do research with less time and expense than lawyers in law offices can. If government lawyers used the research methods developed in the Research Facility, they and the

taxpayer would enjoy even greater cost savings and increases in productivity because government lawyers do an even greater volume of legal research than the Research Facility. Or, if all Legal Aid organizations in Canada could use the Research Facility, there would be a substantial improvement in efficiency and a cost saving in the research work done. For example, in June, 1986, the Research Facility entered into an agreement with representatives of the Clinic Funding Committee to supply specialized research for the Plan's Community Legal Clinics. This project is providing research on administrative law problems in relation to clinic work and could provide even more specialized research on other areas of clinic work if funds were available. It is expected that the database thus generated will expand the Research Facility's sales catalogue. And, for example, in January, 1986, the Research Facility was able to renew its agreement with the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for an annual subscription for all of the criminal law memoranda in the Research Facility's sales catalogue.

This catalogue of standard memoranda was originally created to allow a greater number of research requests arising from Legal Aid files to be completed each year. They have had a dramatic effect upon the Research Facility's productivity and advertising the Research Facility's catalogue has caused a dramatic increase in the number of Legal Aid research files, thus inducing more lawyers to choose to have the Research Facility do their research rather than charging the Plan for doing the research themselves. Therefore, the Research Facility's services provided to Legal Aid files, together with its commercial catalogue sales, are mutually complementary operations, each rendering the other more cost-efficient.

Family Violence

During the fiscal year, it became apparent that women living in shelters were finding it increasingly difficult to obtain timely legal advice and representation. There are approximately 60 shelters in Ontario. Last year, about 6,000 women spent some time in a shelter and the number is increasing by about 10% per year.

In an attempt to address the problems of access to legal services, the members of the Plan's staff met with shelter representatives as well as with members of the profession who are familiar with the problems faced by shelter residents.

From these discussions it became clear that a number of problems could be identified, among them:

- Many competent lawyers lack a sensitivity to the problems of battered women.
- Lawyers who represent large numbers of battered women tend to burn out quickly, primarily because of the traumatic nature of the work, the urgency involved, the often frustrating results and the fact that almost all the clients are legally-aided.
- Women who desperately wish legal advice may have to wait up to two weeks before receiving a Legal Aid certificate.
- The Legal Aid tariff is inadequate.
- The Legal Aid tariff does not provide sufficient preparation time in Family Law matters.
- Some Legal Aid and Ministry of Community and Social Services staff are insensitive to both applicants and lawyers.

The group suggested the Plan consider implementing the following proposals in an effort to solve some of the problems:

- Provide a training session for lawyers who express an interest in this area of the law. Special panels might be created to help encourage lawyers to attend such sessions. One particular session should be held during the Legal Aid presentation to Bar Admission students in late 1986.
- Attempts should be made to increase the number of lawyers willing to advise and represent shelter residents.
- A notice should be inserted into a coming edition of the Legal Aid Letter advising the Bar of the problems identified and lawyers should be encouraged to advise their local Area

Directors if they are interested in helping shelter residents.

- One hour of Duty Counsel advice should be authorized for shelter residents upon their request. A simplified Duty Counsel account form and covering letter would be given to the shelter resident who could take it to the lawyer of their choice. The forms would be available through all shelters.

Individuals knowledgeable about shelter residents informed the Plan that, in their opinion, about 50% of shelter residents would avail themselves of such a service. While such a service would increase Legal Aid costs, it would also reduce the number of certificates issued. As well, the service would be well-received by shelter residents and would be considered a positive initiative by members of the Bar. A close parallel could be drawn, said some participants in the discussions, between people appearing in court for the first time and women who have just left their homes inasmuch as Duty Counsel services may be seen to be equally important to both. The group suggested that Duty Counsel not be prohibited from continuing to act for shelter residents they had advised.

- Attempts must be made to ensure that both Legal Aid and Ministry of Community and Social Services personnel are sensitive to the needs of shelter residents and lawyers. Discussions are to be held with both Legal Aid Area Directors and COMSOC personnel to try to correct this situation.

Since those discussions took place in early 1986, a special session during the Bar Admission Course has been held, a notice has been inserted in the Legal Aid Letter encouraging lawyers to act for battered spouses. In November, a joint program of the Plan and The Law Society's Continuing Legal Education Department will be held. The one-day program is entitled "How to Represent the Battered Client" and participants will be eligible to enter the Plan's newly created Family Violence Legal Aid Panel.

The Plan records with thanks the assistance of the Ministry of the Attorney General in funding this important program and for the scheduled attendance and address by the Attorney General.

Committees

The Legal Aid Committee

The Plan is administered by The Law Society of Upper Canada through the Legal Aid Committee and its 14 Sub-Committees.

The Legal Aid Committee met 9 times during the fiscal year to review legal aid policy, receive and consider reports from the numerous meetings of its Sub-Committees and to resolve issues which arose during that period.

All Committee members serve on a volunteer basis and it is evident that the Benchers, non-Bencher members of the legal profession, lay representatives and law student give valuable hours of their time to ensure the proper administration of legal aid for the benefit of the citizens of this Province.

Sub-Committees of The Legal Aid Committee

The composition of the Sub-Committees and Standing Committee of The Legal Aid Committee is as follows:

Steering Committee (Standing Committee)

Chairman:

George E. Wallace, Q.C.

Vice-Chairman:

Robert E. Barnes, Q.C.

Secretary:

Andrew M. Lawson, Q.C.

Members:

C. Jane Arnup, Solicitor
G.H.T. Farquharson, Q.C.
Lee K. Ferrier, Q.C.
Frances P. Kiteley, Solicitor
Paul G. Philp, Q.C.
Professor Peter Russell
Peggy Smyth
Reginae Tait

Terms of Reference

To consider policy and planning matters and to make recommendations to The Legal Aid Committee.

Management Committee

Chairman:

Lee K. Ferrier, Q.C.

Vice-Chairman:

Hugh Guthrie, Q.C.

Secretary:

Andrew M. Lawson, Q.C.

Members:

Robert E. Barnes, Q.C.
Thomas G. Bastedo, Q.C.
R.J. Carter, Q.C.
D.W. Jones
R.S. Tebbutt
George E. Wallace, Q.C.

Observer Members:

Glenn Carter
Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Rendall Dick, Q.C.
Under-Treasurer
The Law Society of Upper Canada

Terms of Reference

To overview the general administrative procedures of the Plan and to investigate and make recommendations as to the feasibility of computerizing certain procedures of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan.

The Joint Committee

Chairman:

Lee K. Ferrier Q.C.

Vice-Chairman:

Hugh Guthrie, Q.C.

Secretary:

Andrew M. Lawson, Q.C.

Members:

Glenn Carter
Thomas G. Bastedo, Q.C.
J. Douglas Ewart, Solicitor

Terms of Reference

To investigate and bring forward to the Legal Aid Committee for approval recommendations for improving the existing Legal Aid Plan.

**Sub Committee Re:
Amendments to Regulation and Forms**

Chairman:

Robert E. Barnes, Q.C.

Vice-Chairman:

J. Douglas Ewart, Solicitor

Secretary:

Andrew M. Lawson, Q.C.

Members:

Lee K. Ferrier, Q.C.

Robert L. Holden, Solicitor

Jeffrey S. Lyons, Q.C.

Terms of Reference

To review the Legal Aid Regulation and Forms and to make recommendations to The Legal Aid Committee.

**Sub-Committee Re:
The Young Offenders Act**

Chairman:

Professor Peter Russell

Secretary:

Robert L. Holden, Solicitor

Members:

S. Avruskin, Solicitor

Peter Harris, Solicitor

David Maubach, Solicitor

Harriet Sachs, Solicitor

Brian Scully, Solicitor

Alan Shipley, Solicitor

Graham Wakefield, Solicitor

Terms of Reference

To make recommendations to The Legal Aid Committee arising out of the implementation of the Young Offenders Act.

Area Directors' Liaison Committee

Chairman:

George E. Wallace, Q.C.

Vice-Chairman:

Robert J. Carter, Q.C.

Secretary:

Andrew M. Lawson, Q.C.

Members:

D.W. Jones

Robert C. Topp, Solicitor

Terms of Reference

To study the existing administration of the Plan through area offices and make recommendations thereto.

To authorize and instruct the six regional Chairmen to hold regular meetings to discuss the operation of the Plan and the delivery of legal aid as administered by the Legal Aid Area Directors in each region and to make recommendations resulting therefrom.

To receive reports on a limited number of spot checks made by the Provincial Office staff on the operation of the Area Legal Aid Offices to determine the efficiency of the administration of the Plan through local Area Offices.

The Area Directors' Liaison Committee to be an ongoing liaison committee with Area Directors.

Sub-Committee Re: Group Applications

Chairman:

Jeffrey S. Lyons, Q.C.

Secretary:

Ruth Lawson, Solicitor
Deputy Director, Appeals

Members:

David P. Cole, Solicitor
Alex M. Gowland, Q.C.
Frances P. Kiteley, Solicitor
Stephen M. Malach, Q.C.
Clayton C. Ruby, Solicitor
Professor Peter Russell

Terms of Reference

To look into the granting of legal aid in areas which may generally be defined as class actions, group actions or test cases.

Committee Report

During the fiscal year, the Sub-Committee on Group Applications adopted guidelines for the consideration of applications for Legal Aid assistance. A copy of the guidelines is sent to prospective applicants to assist them in deciding whether to apply.

The following are issues which applicants are requested to address, if they wish to do so. They are issues to which the Committee looks in deciding applications, but no single factor will be determinative of the decision:

1. Financial.

- (a) Does the individual qualify for Legal Aid?
- (b) Do members of the group qualify for Legal Aid?
- (c) What means does the group have of privately funding the case?
- (d) What effort has been made by the applicant to raise funds privately and what effort will the applicant make to do so in the future?
- (e) Has the applicant explored the possibility of funding by other organizations?

2. Novelty, Repetition, Issue being argued by Others.

- (a) Has a Court or Tribunal already ruled on the issue?
- (b) Is another person or group litigating or likely to litigate the issue?

- (c) Would the applicant be prejudiced if someone else chose to argue the issue, and is there someone in that position?

3. Significance, Importance

- (a) What is the significance or importance of the issue to the applicant or others?

4. Merit

- (a) What are the grounds for the application?
- (b) What are the chances of success of the application?

5. Cost

- (a) Estimate of the cost;
- (b) Measure the significance and importance of the issue and the chance of success in proceeding against the cost.

6. Test Cases

- (a) Benefit of successful application must flow to many others;
- (b) Enquiry as to whether other avenues of relief have been pursued.

7. Other Factors.

- (a) Are there any other aspects of the case or the position of the applicant that bear upon the application?

The Committee may recommend restrictions on certificates or limited certificates as part of its recommendation to either the local Area Director or Area Committee which has the jurisdiction to decide on the recommendation.



Legal Aid Office, Perth

Sub-Committee On Services to the Disabled

Chairperson:

Kathleen Fleming

Secretary:

John Beaufoy

Members:

P.G. Philp, Q.C.

Reginae Tait

Observer Members:

David Baker, Solicitor

Ross Irwin, Solicitor

Terms of Reference

To review legal aid services to the handicapped.

Committee Report

During the previous fiscal year, the Sub-Committee on Legal Services to the Disabled met numerous times to consider the 100 recommendations of a Report by Judge Rosalie S. Abella entitled, "Access to Legal Services by the Disabled."

The Sub-Committee concluded its meetings in May, 1985 and presented its Report to the Legal Aid Committee in October. The Report was approved by the Legal Aid Committee and, subsequently, by Convocation, with only minor changes.

Among the Report's many recommendations:

- That the Legal Aid Committee adopt the principle that a right to equal access to legal services to the handicapped and disabled should guide and inform all future developments of programs for their benefit;
- That a member of the disabled community be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee (which is to be retained to monitor developments) to assist it in its on-going efforts to increase legal services to the disabled;
- That Legal Aid offices and Community Legal Clinics which cannot be made accessible shall be vacated at the end of the current lease and relocated to accessible premises;
- That the Legal Aid Committee request the Attorney General to provide a special one-time accessibility improvement capital fund for the purpose of subsidizing any renova-

tions necessary to make Legal Aid offices and Community Legal Clinics fully accessible;

- That as a first step to improve legal services to the 20,000 profoundly hearing-impaired individuals in Ontario, a visual telephone be installed, and made known as available, in the York County Legal Aid office in Toronto.

Many of the Sub-Committee's recommendations have been or are being acted upon and the Sub-Committee will continue to monitor developments.



Legal Aid Office, Belleville

South Etobicoke Legal Services opened for families in need

"We will ensure people get high representation in before tribunals, and Park and City Council."

These were the words of Lawyer/Director Kathleen to announce the opening of the South Etobicoke Legal Aid Clinic designed to provide assistance to Etobicoke's medium-income families.

The clinic opened its business last month and then the four staff have been kept busy with landlord/tenant disputes, consumer law problems and other areas of law. Members of the community are encouraged to come in for a free consultation.

The clinic offers legal assistance to individuals who fall within the guidelines set out in the Ontario Legal Aid Act.

Legal clinic already busy Doesn't officially open until Monday

By Dave Dauphinee
of The Free Press

Christie McQuarrie had hoped for a quiet opening. At the very least, she had hoped the public would wait for it.

But for the last two weeks, Neighbourhood Legal Services has been besieged by the low-income public of London and Middlesex County public hungry for legal help.

The clinic doors at 611 Dundas St. E. won't be open officially until Monday and the formal ribbon-cutting won't occur until June, but the clinic has been very busy.

Legal aid avenue willing to help needy get through trouble

By LISA TALLYN
Champion Reporter
The situation is all the more charged because...

University students to offer city residents free legal assistance

By Janice Iverson
(Echo Editor)

Airdrie residents who can't afford to pay lawyers' fees will soon be able to get free legal assistance through a program run by University of Calgary law students.

Student Legal Assistance (SLA), a non-profit organization,

not represent clients in Queen's Bench. If students will attend to their clients for family and small claims matters, traffic violations, but charged are requested first appearances also.

To set up an ap...

Legal aid fee increase called 'long overdue'

A government plan to increase legal aid fees for Ontario lawyers by 35 per cent is "long overdue," says...

He said the bulk of the increase is "long overdue" but...

New legal-aid agreement lauded by local lawyers

By DAN NOLAN
Tribune staff writer

WELLAND — "This is the light at the end of the tunnel."

That's how the area director of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan sees the agreement between the provincial government and the Law Society of Upper Canada over an increase in fees paid under the plan.

"I'm sure lawyers will be pleased to see this," he said.

joint statement by the province and the law society late last week after Scott hinted in Welland earlier this month an agreement was imminent.

Aside from the increase, the deal also requires all lawyers — not just those handling legal-aid work — to help finance the plan by contributing a total of more than \$6 million a year toward administrative costs.

The contributions will amount to about \$175 annually for each lawyer by the time the plan is phased in over two years, much less than the \$420 per lawyer...

get, said he suspected some members of the profession — such as real estate lawyers, who do not take legal aid cases — will be unhappy with the deal because they will have to contribute funds to pay for the fee increase.

But, he added, lawyers will probably be relieved they don't have to pay \$470, as originally proposed by Scott.

"I think there will be some relief but we'll have to wait and see what happens," he said.

Railton said the settlement, which still has to be approved by the Ontario...

Sub-Committee Re: Public Information

Chairman:

Rino Bragagnolo, Q.C.

Secretary:

John Beaufoy

Members:

W. Black

G.H. Gilchrist

Ruth Jarman

Frances P. Kiteley, Solicitor

Jeffrey S. Lyons, Q.C.

Xavier Michon

Reginae Tait

Terms of Reference

To liaise with the Public Information Officer and guide the development of the public information program.

Committee Report

The Law Society's Public Information Department continued during the fiscal year to make members of the public and the media aware of the operations of the Plan through a variety of measures and programs.

As in previous years, the Plan's brochure, which outlines in general terms the coverage of the Plan, how to apply, funding, and office addresses and phone numbers, was distributed widely throughout the province. Distribution points included law offices, Legal Aid offices, Community Legal Clinics, social service agencies, supermarkets, libraries, schools and other outlets.

The Information Department handled many media enquiries from across Ontario supplying basic information about the Plan's activities - including applicant demand, Duty Counsel activity, financial affairs, tariff negotiations and other aspects of Legal Aid.

The Plan continued, in conjunction with The Law Society, to make information about Legal Aid available to thousands of people attending various exhibitions and home shows in cities such as Toronto, Hamilton, London and Ottawa. These shows, which feature a portable booth and displays of several law-related pamphlets, also provide members of the public an opportunity to speak with volunteer lawyers who man the booth.

The Plan records its gratitude to the hundreds of lawyers who give of their time each year to make the Plan's operations more widely known.

During the year, the Information Department added several pre-recorded tapes on Legal Aid into its highly-successful Dial-A-Law program. Through Dial-A-Law, members of the public from across Ontario can obtain free information about applying for Legal Aid and the role of Community Legal Clinics.

The Legal Aid Letter continued to be an effective vehicle for informing all those involved in or interested in the delivery of Legal Aid about the Plan. The Letter is sent to all lawyers, judges, MPPs, Ontario-based MPs, social service agencies, over 500 media outlets and others. Through this medium, the Plan is able to make news of the Plan widely known in a timely manner.

As a result of recommendations from the Sub-Committee on Legal Services for the Disabled, the Information Department is up-dating its information on the more than 6,000 lawyers who participate in the Lawyer Referral Service. The Service's records will soon show not only those lawyers willing to accept legal aid certificate clients but also whether those lawyers have offices accessible to the handicapped, whether those lawyers are willing to make home or institutional visits and whether they have facilities or skills enabling them to assist hearing-impaired legally-aided clients. These changes will improve the ability of the Service to respond to the thousands of calls it deals with each year from callers who have qualified for a legal aid certificate but encounter difficulties in deciding which lawyer to approach.

As in previous years, the Information Department assisted in the production of various speeches and reports concerning the Plan, including one given by a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario to an international body meeting in Vienna. The Information Department is also responsible for the writing, production and distribution of about 3,000 copies of the Plan's Annual Report, which is circulated to all MPPs as well as to all Ontario media.

Sub-Committee Re: Mediation and Assessments

Chairperson:

Frances P. Kiteley, Solicitor

Members:

Craig Perkins, Solicitor

Dr. Barbara Landau, Solicitor

Terms of Reference

To provide a cost-benefit analysis of mediation in order to determine the long-term savings if mediation is funded.

To recommend an hourly rate and average hours per case for which mediators should be funded. To recommend credentials required in order to qualify as a mediator.

To recommend hourly rate and average hours per case for which assessors should be funded.

To recommend credentials required in order to qualify as an assessor.

Committee Report

During the 1983-84 fiscal year, the Sub-Committee on Mediation and Assessments was established and it subsequently obtained approval and funding for The Family Mediation Project. That Project - with a three year mandate - continued during the 1985-86 fiscal year.

However, proclamation of the Family Law Act and changes to the Divorce Act prompted the Sub-Committee to make a number of recommendations to the Legal Aid Committee regarding payments by the Plan to mediators. Both the Family Law Act and the changes to the Divorce Act contemplate additional use being made of mediators in Family Law matters.

As a result, the Sub-Committee reported to the Legal Aid Committee in March, 1986. Its recommendations regarding payments by the Plan to mediators - both lawyers and non-lawyers - were adopted by the Legal Aid Committee and by Convocation.

Briefly, the Sub-Committee's recommendations were that:

- Lawyers who act as mediators will be paid at tariff rates depending on their years since being called to the Bar. However, they will be paid as experts and not as lawyers and, hence, there will be no statutory deduction from tariff rates for their services.
 - Social workers who act as mediators will be paid the lesser of their normal hourly rate and \$45 per hour.
 - Where only one client is legally-aided, the Plan will pay one-half of the stated rates. Where both parties are legally-aided, the Plan will pay the entire cost.
 - When mediation is requested, the request will be considered by the Plan's Legal Accounts Officer before approval is given. If approval is given, it will be for a maximum of 15 hours, including a report.
 - Any requests for extensions beyond the 15 hours will be considered by the Legal Accounts Officer and a decision will be made by the Legal Accounts Officer as to the merits of continuing to fund mediation.
 - Notice of these arrangements will be published in an edition of the Legal Aid Letter in order to make them known to the profession and others involved in the delivery of Legal Aid in Ontario.
 - An identification system will be used to capture those certificates under which mediation is provided. The Sub-Committee intends to perform an ex post facto analysis of such certificates to determine the total cost of the action and to allocate costs as between mediation and litigation.
- The Sub-Committee noted that the proposed rates were probably on the low side. However, the Sub-Committee observed, they were consistent with rates being paid through The Family Mediation Project and would be reviewed along with the Project itself.
- Mediators who are psychologists or psychiatrists be paid at the same rate as their colleagues who agree to participate in The Family Mediation Project, namely at the rate of \$60 per hour.

Clinic Funding Committee

(Not a Sub-Committee of
The Legal Aid Committee)

Chairman:

Thomas G. Bastedo, Q.C.

Vice-Chairman:

Hugh Guthrie, Q.C.

Members:

Glenn Carter

J. Douglas Ewart, Solicitor (resigned January 1/86)

Thea Herman, Solicitor (appointed January 1/86)

Berta Zaccardi, Solicitor

Terms of Reference

To make all policy directives in relation to clinic funding.

Independent Community Based Legal Clinics Committee Report

The role of independent community legal clinics within the Ontario Legal Aid Plan continued to develop during the fiscal year.

The Clinic Funding Committee has responsibility under the Regulation for the administration and policy affecting community clinics. In accordance with the Regulation and the clinic certificate signed on behalf of the Plan and by each clinic, community clinics are also administered by Boards of Directors elected by and representative of the communities served by the clinics. The Boards must establish financial eligibility guidelines and case priorities for the work of the clinic and are financially accountable to the Clinic Funding Committee.

The members of clinic Boards of Directors have continued in 1985-86 to provide many hours of volunteer time to clinic work, thereby contributing much to the successful operation of community legal clinics.

The funds allocated for clinic funding increased from \$9.8 million in 1984-85 to \$11.4 million in 1985-86.

Since 1976, when 13 existing clinics were first funded by the Ontario Legal Aid Plan, the number of clinics has increased to 52 across the province. In 1985-86, the Clinic Funding Committee and Convocation approved funds to establish four new clinics. The new clinics funded were: Downsview Community Legal Services

and Etobicoke Community Legal Services in Metro Toronto; Hamilton Mountain Legal and Community Services, and Neighbourhood Legal Services of London and Middlesex. Nipissing Community Legal Services, in North Bay, funding for which was approved in March, 1985, also commenced service in 1985-86.

The Committee also approved the allocation of 12 additional staff positions to existing clinics to assist them in better serving their communities.

Clinic legal services continued to be provided by both lawyers and community legal workers. A number of clinics provide a wide range of general legal assistance and representation in such administrative law areas as workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, welfare, pensions, immigration and employment rights; clinics also assist with landlord-tenant disputes, debtor-creditor problems and family matters, such as juvenile and child welfare problems. The Clinic Funding Committee has also continued funding clinics which offer specialized legal services, including such matters as parole and sentencing (Queen's Correctional Law Project), environmental law (the Canadian Environmental Law Association), law for the handicapped (the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped), children's law (Justice for Children), seniors' law (Advocacy Centre for the Elderly), workers' compensation (Injured Workers' Consultants and Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario), landlord-tenant problems (Metro Tenants Legal Services, Landlord's Self-Help Centre and Tenant Hotline), and public legal education (Community Legal Education Ontario). As well, a number of clinics provide services to special communities, including the Spanish-speaking community in Toronto, and native communities in Kenora, Sioux Lookout, Thunder Bay District, and Moosonee-Moose Factory and the James Bay coast.

In addition to case-related services, clinics continued in 1985-86 to fulfill their special mandate under the Regulation "to encourage access" to legal services and to provide services "designed to promote the legal welfare" of their communities. Many clinics initiated community legal education and preventive law activities during the fiscal year, assisted with significant law reform proposals, and engaged in widespread efforts to

create better access to the legal system and legal services. The Committee also allocated special funds to 12 clinics for particular legal education and outreach projects, many designed to improve access to legal services by the disabled.

Significant progress was made in 1985-86 towards the goal of ensuring that all community legal clinics are located in premises accessible to the handicapped. The Committee received a special grant of \$125,000 from the Ministry of the Attorney General to assist with the cost of ramp construction and renovations to create or improve accessibility.

Community Legal Clinics - 1985 Statistics

Files opened	24,755	
Summary advice	98,219	
Referrals:		
To Legal Aid Plan	8,320	
To private Bar	9,788	18,108
To agencies	3,981	
To others	17,616	21,597
		<u>39,705</u>
Public Legal Education Sessions	1,148	
Legal Education Publications	244	
Briefs/submissions to public bodies	337	

J. Douglas Ewart, Solicitor, resigned from the Committee and was replaced by an appointee of the Attorney General, Thea Herman, Solicitor, effective January 1, 1986. Mr. Ewart had served on the Committee since 1982. Ms. Herman was previously associated with both Central Toronto Community Legal Clinic and the Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples.

Thomas Bastedo, Q.C., was appointed Chairman of the Committee in August, 1985, replacing Hugh Guthrie, Q.C., who continued to serve on the Committee as Vice-Chairman.

Other members of the Committee continued to serve in 1985-86: Berta Zaccardi, solicitor, and Glenn Carter, Assistant Deputy Attorney General.

The Clinic Funding Committee continued to provide funds in 1985-86 to assist clinic staff in

maintaining high-quality legal services. Funds were provided to the Southwest Regional Association of Clinics for regular staff training sessions throughout the year, and to northern clinics for several specific training programs. Funds were also provided to Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic to conduct a training session for clinic staff on the Social Assistance Review Board; to Metro Tenants Legal Services to conduct a workshop on rent review, and to the Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario to hold a seminar for experienced WCB practitioners on changes to the Workers' Compensation Act.

The Committee also provided funds to allow five clinic lawyers to attend the Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop sponsored by Osgoode Hall Law School at York University.

The Committee continued to fund the Ontario Association of Legal Clinics during the fiscal year, to provide specific services to clinics, including Board training and development, information-sharing and the production of a Newsletter. The Association's consultative role in policy development was enhanced during the year, and the Committee expects this function to expand in the future. Funds were also provided to the Association to conduct training sessions for Board members on the Rights of the Disabled and Outreach Skills.

The Committee also continued its policy of direct consultation with clinics in meetings with clinic representatives throughout the year.

The Committee approved funding in 1985-86 to continue the acquisition of word processing-computer equipment in clinics. The equipment, now installed in the majority of clinics, allows clinics to increase productivity and supports case management, client statistics and Board information systems.

The Clinic Funding Regulation recognizes the complementary aspects of clinic services in relation to the traditional fee-for-service program of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan. The two branches of the Plan continue to work together to try to ensure that necessary legal services are readily available to low-income citizens of the province.

Student Legal Aid Societies

The 1985-86 fiscal year continued the multi-outlet approach taken by the Plan in the delivery of legal services to those in need. As part of that approach, the six University-based Student Legal Aid Societies made a substantial contribution.

The Societies helped thousands of university students and members of the public with a variety of legal problems through the services of law students working under the supervision of faculty members. Several Societies maintain a public legal education component as part of their delivery mechanism and this facet continued to play a part in helping to educate the public about their legal rights and obligations.

The Student Legal Aid Societies are located at the following Universities:

- (a) University of Windsor
- (b) University of Western Ontario
- (c) University of Toronto
- (d) York University - Osgoode Hall
- (e) Queen's University
- (f) University of Ottawa

During the past fiscal year, the Plan increased its funding to the Societies from \$576,000 in 1984-85 to \$607,777 in 1985-86, an increase of \$31,777 or 5.5%.

Area Committees

Both the Plan and members of the public continued during the year to depend on the voluntary contribution of time and effort by hundreds of men and women - both lawyers and lay individuals - who serve on Legal Aid Area Committees.

These dedicated individuals give of their time to serve on the Plan's 47 Area Committees to consider matters of the utmost importance not only to individual applicants but to the integrity of the Plan itself.

The more than 500 men and women make critical judgments affecting the delivery of legal aid in individual cases by considering appeals from refusals of Area Directors to grant legal aid in the first instance and by making recommendations to local Area Directors on applications involving such matters as appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada, the Court of Appeal for Ontario and other appeal tribunals.

Page 33 in this Report illustrates details of some of the cases considered by Area Committees

Pages 39 to 45 in this Report record the names of those individuals from across the province who considered thousands of cases presented to them. The dedication of this voluntary group is gratefully acknowledged.



Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa

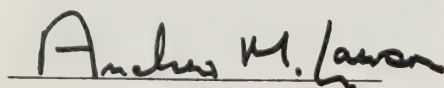
The Law Society of Upper Canada Legal Aid Fund

Statement of Fund for the Year Ended March 31, 1986

	1986	1985
	\$	\$
Balance in Fund, beginning of year	<u>5,097,793</u>	<u>38,699</u>
Receipts		
Province of Ontario	58,545,700	62,248,000
The Law Foundation of Ontario	6,330,816	7,306,356
Contributions from clients	4,093,543	3,263,168
Judgments, costs and settlements	1,786,941	1,480,968
Miscellaneous income	<u>978,561</u>	<u>610,972</u>
Total Receipts	<u>71,735,561</u>	<u>74,909,464</u>
Disbursements		
Legal Aid fees and disbursements (note 2)	44,915,984	43,270,288
Duty Counsel fees and disbursement (note 2)	<u>4,449,433</u>	<u>3,718,567</u>
	49,365,417	46,988,855
Funding of Independent Community Clinics (note 3)	11,401,385	9,850,348
Assistance to Student Legal Aid Societies	607,777	576,000
Salaried Duty Counsel Programme (note 4)	493,501	488,518
Research Facility	948,065	771,380
Administrative Expenses		
Provincial Office (Schedule 1)	5,270,921	4,935,276
Area Offices (Schedule 2)	<u>6,882,063</u>	<u>6,239,993</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>74,969,129</u>	<u>69,850,370</u>
Balance in Fund, end of year	<u>1,864,225</u>	<u>5,097,793</u>
Consisting of:		
Cash	1,862,057	5,096,375
Advances	1,200	450
Security deposits	<u>968</u>	<u>968</u>
	<u>1,864,225</u>	<u>5,097,793</u>

See accompanying schedules and notes to financial statement.

Approved:



Director



Deputy Director, Finance

The Law Society of Upper Canada Legal Aid Fund

Administrative Expenses For The Year Ended March 31, 1986

	Schedule 1		Schedule 2	
	Provincial Office		Area Offices	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries and retainers	2,820,107	2,268,980	4,644,996	4,243,711
Temporary staff	261,729	265,988	233,758	195,560
Employee Benefits	290,747	250,580	417,679	388,330
Employment Fees	6,554	12,606	8,448	8,625
Travelling Expenses	40,024	50,673	74,378	55,714
Meetings, seminars and conferences	43,527	42,226	25,833	22,467
Office Rents	610,806	746,618	743,277	735,628
Leasehold improvements, maintenance and taxes	7,229	59,549	98,725	83,271
Equipment and furniture	87,922	95,919	76,183	23,400
Equipment rental and maintenance	82,777	83,726	114,846	109,291
Printing and stationery	173,458	162,628	83,074	60,449
Data processing service and supplies	81,635	82,363	-	-
Consulting services	181,342	254,137	-	-
Insurance	62,748	27,412	-	-
Telephone and postage	157,672	136,425	290,101	259,751
Information and publications	135,615	157,915	-	-
Law libraries	3,921	4,773	10,572	10,726
Tracing and collection costs	178,431	167,141	-	-
Miscellaneous	44,677	65,617	60,193	43,070
	<u>5,270,921</u>	<u>4,935,276</u>	<u>6,882,063</u>	<u>6,239,993</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statement.

The Law Society of Upper Canada Legal Aid Fund

Notes to Financial Statement March 31, 1986

1. Significant Accounting Policy

The Fund uses a cash basis of accounting which is modified to allow an additional three weeks to pay for debts incurred during the fiscal year just ended.

2. Statutory Reduction of Fees

Of the \$49,365,417 (1985 - \$46,988,855) paid to solicitors, fees amounted to \$43,278,219 (1985 - \$41,197,337).

The 25 per cent reduction of fees paid to solicitors pursuant to section 22 of the Legal Aid Act is calculated as follows:

	1986	1985
	\$	\$
Gross fees billed	57,704,292	54,929,783
25 per cent statutory reduction	14,426,073	13,732,446
Net fees paid	<u>43,278,219</u>	<u>41,197,337</u>

3. Funding of Independent Community Clinics

This programme provides for payment of funds to clinics enabling them to provide legal services or paralegal services on a basis other than fee for service.

The total cost consists of:

	1986	1985
	\$	\$
Funding of clinics	10,912,677	9,364,289
Administrative costs	488,708	486,059
	<u>11,401,385</u>	<u>9,850,348</u>

4. Salaried Duty Counsel Programme

This programme operates in the Toronto courts and delivers duty counsel services in criminal matters using salaried solicitors.

The total cost consists of:

	1986	1985
	\$	\$
Salaries and benefits	480,951	481,060
Other administrative costs	12,550	7,458
	<u>493,501</u>	<u>488,518</u>



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To The Law Society of Upper Canada and
to the Attorney General of Ontario.

I have examined the statement of fund of the Legal Aid Fund of The Law Society of Upper Canada for the year ended March 31, 1986. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, this financial statement presents fairly the cash position of the Fund as at March 31, 1986 and the results of its cash operations for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1 to the financial statement applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

A report on the audit will be made to The Law Society of Upper Canada and to the Attorney General of Ontario.

Toronto, Ontario,
September 9, 1986.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J.F. Otterman".

J.F. Otterman, F.C.A.,
Assistant Provincial Auditor.

Schedule of Legal Aid Activity by Area for the year ended March 31, 1986

	Applications for		Certificates of Eligibility Granted					
	Legal Aid		Total		Criminal		Civil	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
Algoma	3,213	2,985	2,811	2,739	1,526	1,484	1,285	1,255
Brant	1,708	1,509	1,451	1,334	877	868	574	466
Bruce	453	565	394	398	159	173	235	225
Cochrane	1,848	1,754	1,493	1,333	580	615	913	718
Dufferin	192	232	92	98	60	71	32	27
Durham	2,894	3,059	1,917	1,919	1,213	1,286	704	633
Elgin	928	863	789	741	335	334	454	407
Essex	5,069	6,521	4,269	4,771	2,008	2,277	2,261	2,494
Frontenac	2,159	2,712	1,719	1,684	725	720	994	964
Grey	989	1,116	802	873	357	397	445	476
Haldimand	347	300	315	264	151	134	164	130
Halton	1,556	1,487	1,063	982	632	605	431	377
Hastings & Prince Edward	2,579	2,870	2,332	2,306	1,170	1,165	1,162	1,141
Huron	192	143	171	135	82	46	89	89
Kenora	1,708	1,476	1,509	1,292	1,020	832	489	460
Kent	1,073	1,196	755	782	406	422	349	360
Lambton	1,611	1,460	1,104	918	639	569	465	349
Lanark	419	465	358	378	203	207	155	171
Leeds & Grenville	1,026	1,007	861	794	387	317	474	477
Lennox & Addington	873	701	735	556	522	393	213	163
Manitoulin & Sudbury	3,191	3,093	2,510	2,397	1,488	1,495	1,022	902
Middlesex	2,982	4,259	2,215	2,240	1,685	1,769	530	471
Muskoka	540	642	492	502	191	192	301	310
Niagara North	1,548	1,882	1,230	1,341	718	746	512	595
Niagara South	2,410	2,441	1,824	1,562	1,020	980	804	582
Nipissing	1,519	1,647	1,063	1,018	485	469	578	549
Norfolk	639	588	655	575	263	220	392	355
Northumberland	863	889	612	603	309	337	303	266
Ottawa-Carleton	6,507	7,232	6,111	5,666	3,480	3,348	2,631	2,318
Oxford	454	759	322	289	219	181	103	108
Parry Sound	532	477	452	433	255	218	197	215
Peel	3,962	5,137	3,472	2,907	1,823	1,571	1,649	1,336
Perth	252	240	154	165	99	102	55	63
Peterborough	1,232	1,556	1,058	1,303	659	737	399	566
Prescott & Russell	695	768	615	602	243	243	372	359
Rainy River	396	312	308	271	153	122	155	149
Renfrew	759	958	615	636	298	299	317	377
Simcoe	3,797	3,736	2,966	3,248	1,501	1,664	1,465	1,584
Stormont Dundas & Glengarry	1,033	1,249	779	878	417	504	362	374
Temiskaming	600	589	458	429	194	222	264	207
Thunder Bay	2,395	2,761	1,894	2,130	1,116	1,201	778	929
Victoria & Haliburton	479	499	416	316	196	165	220	151
Waterloo	3,225	3,414	2,521	2,599	1,528	1,703	993	896
Wellington	1,254	1,229	952	796	487	467	465	329
Wentworth	8,531	9,083	6,990	7,586	3,976	4,228	3,014	3,358
York	1,443	1,567	1,134	1,168	638	643	496	525
Metropolitan Toronto	32,935	32,409	23,976	21,574	14,575	13,390	9,401	8,184
Total	115,010	121,837	90,734	87,531	51,068	50,131	39,666	37,400

Persons Assisted by Duty Counsel

	Total		Criminal		Civil	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
Algoma	4,377	4,416	3,489	3,548	888	868
Brant	2,572	2,772	2,103	2,272	469	500
Bruce	981	1,026	802	846	179	180
Cochrane	1,929	1,365	1,709	1,260	220	105
Dufferin	829	807	590	552	239	255
Durham	7,126	7000	4,542	4,199	2,584	2,801
Elgin	2,771	2,997	1,556	1,744	1,215	1,253
Essex	8,220	8,642	5,979	5,896	2,241	2,746
Frontenac	4,752	4,535	3,137	3,250	1,615	1,285
Grey	2,538	2,494	1,852	1,794	686	700
Haldimand	545	761	451	684	94	77
Halton	4,405	4,646	3,064	3,569	1,341	1,077
Hastings & Prince Edward	3,591	3,762	2,915	2,926	676	836
Huron	975	485	773	479	202	6
Kenora	2,725	2,102	2,630	2,055	95	47
Kent	2,758	2,500	1,395	1,354	1,363	1,146
Lambton	5,278	4,016	2,716	2,341	2,562	1,675
Lanark	650	820	552	732	98	88
Leeds & Grenville	1,551	1,618	1,143	1,215	408	403
Lennox & Addington	1,966	1,690	1,835	1,513	131	177
Manitoulin & Sudbury	5,671	6,574	4,052	4,961	1,619	1,613
Middlesex	6,328	6,390	5,183	5,236	1,145	1,154
Muskoka	1,016	930	889	805	127	125
Niagara North	5,090	5,342	3,567	3,614	1,523	1,728
Niagara South	5,179	4,674	4,196	3,687	983	987
Nipissing	2,756	2,956	2,688	2,887	68	69
Norfolk	872	856	858	835	14	21
Northumberland	3,249	3,166	3,082	2,863	167	303
Ottawa-Carleton	10,304	11,958	2,572	3,436	7,732	8,522
Oxford	1,691	1,825	1,397	1,450	294	375
Parry Sound	1,258	922	1,205	857	53	65
Peel	14,094	13,646	11,036	10,810	3,058	2,836
Perth	1,797	2,256	1,469	1,862	328	394
Peterborough	4,264	4,193	2,683	2,493	1,581	1,700
Prescott & Russell	652	575	357	404	295	171
Rainy River	1,339	1,091	1,301	1,032	38	59
Renfrew	1,870	1,677	1,362	1,156	508	521
Simcoe	8,867	9,633	7,195	7,520	1,672	2,113
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	2,625	2,944	2,002	2,118	623	826
Temiskaming	708	1059	556	946	152	113
Thunder Bay	4,452	4,836	4,138	4,435	314	401
Victoria & Haliburton	1,458	1,368	1,157	1,125	301	243
Waterloo	5,827	6,321	4,729	5,258	1,098	1,063
Wellington	3,786	4,298	2,413	2,701	1,373	1,597
Wentworth	12,297	11,874	5,858	5,757	6,439	6,117
York	5,162	4,689	3,491	3,053	1,671	1,636
Metropolitan Toronto	23,256	16,740	13,255	7,346	10,001	9394
Total	196,407	191,247	135,924	130,876	60,483	60,371

Legal Aid Fees and Disbursements for the year ended March 31, 1986

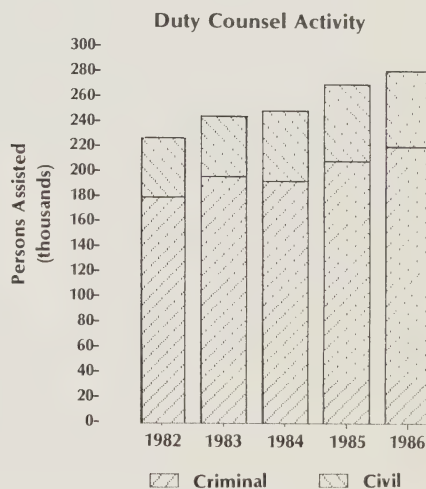
	Fees		Disbursements		Total	
	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$
Criminal						
Metro Toronto	9,435,134	8,676,742	1,328,739	1,181,888	10,763,873	9,858,630
Other Areas	15,072,848	14,116,986	1,157,263	1,053,872	16,230,111	15,170,858
Total	24,507,982	22,793,728	2,486,002	2,235,760	26,993,984	25,029,488
Civil						
Metro Toronto	3,747,509	3,632,644	777,537	734,754	4,525,046	4,367,398
Other Areas	9,887,090	10,264,082	2,261,161	2,414,979	12,148,251	12,679,061
Total	13,634,599	13,896,726	3,038,698	3,149,733	16,673,297	17,046,459
Advice						
Metro Toronto	7,382	7,537	335	2,674	7,717	10,211
Other Areas	87,016	89,712	5,536	4,555	92,552	94,267
Total	94,398	97,249	5,871	7,229	100,269	104,478
Total Completed Cases	38,236,979	36,787,703	5,530,571	5,392,722	43,767,550	42,180,425
Adjustment Payments (net)	711,525	794,314	436,909	295,549	1,148,434	1,089,863
Total Payments	38,948,504	37,582,017	5,967,480	5,688,271	44,915,984	43,270,288

	Completed Cases		Average cost/case	
	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$
Criminal				
Metro Toronto	13,010	12,146	827.35	811.68
Other Areas	31,305	30,218	518.45	502.05
Total	44,315	42,364	609.14	590.82
Civil				
Metro Toronto	6,208	6,460	728.91	676.07
Other Areas	20,431	21,620	594.60	586.45
Total	26,639	28,080	625.90	607.07
Advice				
Metro Toronto	87	82	88.70	124.53
Other Areas	1,195	1,363	77.45	69.17
Total	1,282	1,445	78.21	72.31
Totals	72,236	71,889	605.90	586.75

Duty Counsel Fees and Disbursements for the year ended March 31, 1986

	Fees		Disbursements		Total	
	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$
Criminal						
Metro Toronto	294,205	140,109	3,169	1,410	297,374	141,519
Other Areas	2,597,605	2,123,343	93,036	79,093	2,690,641	2,202,436
Total	2,891,810	2,263,452	96,205	80,503	2,988,015	2,343,955
Civil						
Metro Toronto	238,897	208,658	5,560	4,946	244,457	213,604
Other Areas	1,199,008	1,143,210	17,953	17,798	1,216,961	1,161,008
Total	1,437,905	1,351,868	23,513	22,744	1,461,418	1,374,612
Total Payments	4,329,715	3,615,320	119,718	103,247	4,449,433	3,718,567

	Persons Assisted		Average cost Per Person Assisted	
	1986	1985	1986 \$	1985 \$
Criminal				
Metro Toronto	13,255	7,346	22.43	19.27
Other Areas	122,669	123,530	21.93	17.83
Total	135,924	130,876	21.98	17.91
Civil				
Metro Toronto	10,001	9,394	24.44	22.74
Other Areas	50,482	50,977	24.11	22.78
Total	60,483	60,371	24.16	22.77
Totals	196,407	191,247	22.65	19.45



Salaried Duty Counsel Programme

	Total Cost Of Programme		Persons Assisted		Average Cost Per Person Assisted	
	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986	1985	1986 \$	1985 \$
Criminal						
Metro Toronto	493,501	488,518	85,414	78,882	5.78	6.20

Analysis of Completed Cases by Type of Aid for the year ended March 31, 1986

A Legal Aid Case is defined as being a matter in which services have been rendered pursuant to a legal aid certificate

Type of Aid	Number of Cases		Total Fees and Disbursements		Average Cost Per Case	
	1986	1985	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$
Criminal						
Unlawful Homicide	486	492	2,279,014	2,096,374	4,689.33	4,260.93
Sexual Assault	196	220	374,664	399,183	1,911.55	1,814.47
Robbery	1,795	1,820	2,364,980	2,476,597	1,317.54	1,360.77
Theft, Break and Enter, Possession of Stolen Property	17,731	17,595	9,535,440	9,348,462	537.78	531.32
Drunk and Impaired Driving	1,475	1,805	358,734	412,900	243.21	228.76
Other Motor Vehicle Offences	1,661	1,198	495,285	381,127	298.18	318.14
Narcotics	2,361	2,090	2,378,366	1,772,068	1,007.36	847.88
Assault	7,155	6,406	4,006,034	3,249,691	559.89	507.29
Fraud, False Pretences	3,404	3,159	1,981,213	1,932,606	582.02	611.78
Other	8,051	7,590	3,220,254	2,963,580	399.98	390.46
Total	44,315	42,375	26,993,984	25,032,588	609.14	590.74
Civil						
Uncontested Divorce Proceedings	4,549	5,236	2,337,838	2,617,765	513.92	499.96
Other Domestic Matters	16,776	17,087	11,301,405	11,237,723	673.67	657.68
Motor Vehicle Negligence	188	188	136,478	144,895	725.95	770.72
Consolidations, Etc.	9	23	3,071	7,021	341.22	305.26
Worker's Compensation Matters	320	175	126,502	76,831	395.32	439.04
Property Actions	1,269	1,409	744,188	712,382	586.44	505.60
Damage Action	1,000	907	746,666	634,376	746.67	699.43
Other	2,528	3,044	1,277,149	1,612,366	505.20	529.69
Total	26,639	28,069	16,673,297	17,043,359	625.90	607.20
Legal Advice	1,282	1,445	100,269	104,478	78.21	72.31
Total Completed Cases	72,236	71,889	43,767,550	42,180,425	605.90	586.75

Analysis of Completed Cases by Court for the year ended March 31, 1986

A Legal Aid Case is defined as being a matter in which services have been rendered pursuant to a legal aid certificate

Court	Number of Cases		Total Fees and Disbursements		Average Cost Per Case	
	1986	1985	1986 \$	1985 \$	1986 \$	1985 \$
Provincial Judge						
Criminal Division	33,660	34,035	14,388,069	14,345,011	427.45	421.48
Juvenile	3,549	1,904	1,602,801	822,678	451.62	432.08
Family Division	6,944	6,760	3,966,417	3,588,477	571.20	530.84
County or District	8,219	7,704	10,330,605	9,847,699	1,256.92	1,278.26
Surrogate	43	62	66,580	77,739	1,548.37	1,253.86
Supreme Court of Ontario	7,563	8,540	8,922,176	9,289,104	1,179.71	1,087.72
Court of Appeal	621	517	1,017,156	786,429	1,637.93	1,521.14
Supreme Court of Canada	26	29	153,403	63,608	5,900.12	2,193.39
Small Claims	83	121	33,607	42,607	404.90	352.13
Review Boards	1,138	987	578,461	510,815	508.31	517.55
Other	587	666	421,349	377,155	717.80	566.30
Matters not involving or resulting in trial proceedings	8,521	9,119	2,186,657	2,324,625	256.62	254.93
Legal Advice only	1,282	1,445	100,269	104,478	78.21	72.31
Total Completed Cases	<u>72,236</u>	<u>71,889</u>	<u>43,767,550</u>	<u>42,180,425</u>	<u>605.90</u>	<u>586.75</u>



Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa

Breakdown of the Legal Aid Dollar, Year Ended March 31, 1986

	1986	1985	1984
Received			
Province of Ontario	0.83	0.84	0.86
The Law Foundation of Ontario	0.09	0.10	0.08
Contributions from Clients	0.06	0.04	0.04
Client Recoveries	0.02	0.02	0.02
	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
Paid			
Fees and Disbursements			
Criminal	0.37	0.37	0.40
Civil	0.23	0.25	0.25
Duty Counsel	0.06	0.05	0.05
	<u>0.66</u>	<u>0.67</u>	<u>0.70</u>
Community Legal Clinics & Student Legal Aid Societies	0.16	0.15	0.13
Area Directors' Retainers & Staff Salaries	0.11	0.10	0.09
Other Administrative Expenses	0.07	0.08	0.08
	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>

Disposition of Appeals to Area Committees from the Decisions of Area Directors
Pursuant to Section 16(10) of the Legal Aid Act, 1966, for the year ended March 31, 1986

Area	Applications Refused By Area Directors	Total Appeals to Area Committees	Appeals Allowed	Appeals Disallowed
Algoma	534	55	48	7
Brant	245	2	2	-
Bruce	62	12	6	6
Cochrane	412	17	11	6
Dufferin	111	6	1	5
Durham	1,145	57	21	36
Elgin	224	3	2	1
Essex	1,465	57	9	48
Frontenac	575	65	24	41
Grey	254	4	2	2
Haldimand	59	4	1	3
Halton	577	39	14	25
Hastings & Prince Edward	661	2	1	1
Huron	20	-	-	-
Kenora	302	1	1	-
Kent	335	12	3	9
Lambton	527	7	2	5
Lanark	57	-	-	-
Leeds & Grenville	236	-	-	-
Lennox & Addington	167	18	1	17
Manitoulin & Sudbury	796	58	37	21
Middlesex	1,171	8	2	6
Muskoka	69	3	1	2
Niagara North	452	25	16	9
Niagara South	788	99	68	31
Nipissing	542	61	24	37
Norfolk	24	-	-	-
Northumberland	269	43	-	43
Ottawa-Carleton	545	103	32	71
Oxford	186	-	-	-
Parry Sound	92	-	-	-
Peel	845	19	9	10
Perth	133	-	-	-
Peterborough	236	3	1	2
Prescott & Russell	78	-	-	-
Rainy River	87	3	1	2
Renfrew	210	18	11	7
Simcoe	1,124	47	16	31
Stormont Dundas & Glengarry	295	35	28	7
Temiskaming	163	11	7	4
Thunder Bay	502	28	14	14
Victoria & Haliburton	85	20	13	7
Waterloo	985	42	14	28
Wellington	311	26	12	14
Wentworth	1,817	25	14	11
York	379	28	10	18
Metropolitan Toronto	12,684	1,409	591	818
Provincial Total	32,836	2,475	1,070	1,405

Applications for Legal Aid Under Section 14 of the Act
 Considered by Area Committees for the 12 Months Ended March 31, 1986

Area	Total Applications	Certificates Issued	Applications Refused
Algoma	75	69	6
Brant	34	25	9
Bruce	12	7	5
Cochrane	43	27	16
Dufferin	9	2	7
Durham	20	13	7
Elgin	4	2	2
Essex	29	20	9
Frontenac	24	20	4
Grey	10	7	3
Haldimand	3	3	-
Halton	41	18	23
Hastings & Prince Edward	30	21	9
Huron	4	3	1
Kenora	8	6	2
Kent	19	11	8
Lambton	25	23	2
Lanark	4	3	1
Leeds & Grenville	13	10	3
Lennox & Addington	8	3	5
Manitoulin & Sudbury	36	30	6
Middlesex	51	32	19
Muskoka	5	4	1
Niagara North	38	23	15
Niagara South	49	24	25
Nipissing	30	14	16
Norfolk	7	4	3
Northumberland	26	13	13
Ottawa-Carleton	84	73	11
Oxford	11	8	3
Parry Sound	11	6	5
Peel	127	75	52
Perth	2	-	2
Peterborough	40	21	19
Prescott & Russell	6	5	1
Rainy River	1	1	-
Renfrew	14	8	6
Simcoe	101	34	67
Stormont Dundas & Glengarry	5	3	2
Temiskaming	11	5	6
Thunder Bay	62	42	20
Victoria & Haliburton	15	10	5
Waterloo	50	36	14
Wellington	38	17	21
Wentworth	95	57	38
York	22	16	6
Metropolitan Toronto	683	434	249
Provincial Total	<u>2,035</u>	<u>1,288</u>	<u>747</u>

Duty Counsel Clinics

Essex

Legal Assistance of Windsor
85 Pitt Street East, Windsor

Ontario

40 King Street West, Suite 306
Oshawa

Ottawa-Carleton

167 Lisgar Street, Ottawa
Gloucester Community Resource
Centre, 2030 Arrowsmith Drive, Ottawa
Centretown Community Resource
Centre, 100 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa
Nepean Library
1541 Merivale Road, Ottawa
St. Jean Baptiste School
755 Somerset Street West, Ottawa

Peel

151 City Centre Drive, 9th Floor
Square One, Mississauga

Waterloo

Community Legal Services
30 Francis Street South, Kitchener
Dickson Centre
30 Parkhill Road, Cambridge

Welland

Information Niagara
5017 Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls

Wellington

YM-YWCA Building
400 Speedvale Avenue East, Guelph

Wentworth

Hamilton Multicultural Centre
500 James Street North, Hamilton
McMaster University, Room 211
Hamilton Hall, Hamilton
Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital
Auchmar Building, Hamilton
St. Matthew's House
414 Barton Street East, Hamilton
North End Information Service
485 John Street North, Hamilton
Dundurn Community Legal Services
426 Main Street West, Hamilton
Dundas Community Development Council
Dundas Armouries Building
10 Market Street South, Dundas
Mohawk College, Room C122
Student Lounge, Hamilton

York

Area Director's Office
70 Centre Avenue, Toronto
Old City Hall, Room 303
60 Queen Street West, Toronto
Problem Central
Richard W. Scott School
151 Rosemount Avenue, Toronto
Dixon Hall Neighbourhood
(Social and Family Service Centre)
58 Sumach Street, Toronto
Neighbourhood Information Centre
91 Barrington Avenue, Toronto
Downsview Clinic
Downsview Public Library
2793 Keele Street, Downsview
Community Information-
Fairview Mall
1800 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale
Injured Workers' Consultants
815 Danforth Avenue, Suite 402, Toronto
Action Service Contact Centre
185-5th Street, Toronto
Humber College Rexdale
205 Humber College Blvd., Rexdale
Humber College Lakeshore 1, Rm A120
3199 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Etobicoke
Bloomdale Community School
(West Central Etobicoke)
10 Toledo Road, Etobicoke
York Community Services
(Family Services Association)
1651 Keele Street, Toronto
Scarborough Court House Clinic
1911 Eglinton Avenue East, Scarborough
Cedarbrae District Library
545 Markham Road, Scarborough
Warden Woods Community Centre
74 Firvalley Court, Scarborough
Italian Immigrant Aid Society
Stella Maris Catholic School
31 Ascott Avenue, Toronto
Landlord's Self Help Centre
110 Atlantic Avenue, Toronto
Weston Night Clinic
1901A Weston Road, Weston
Latin American Community Centre
Unit 14, 2nd Floor
9 Milvan Drive, Weston
Japanese/Canadian Cultural Centre
123 Wynford Drive, Don Mills
Lawrence Heights Medical Centre
3 Replin Road, Toronto
Artists' Legal Advice Services
80 Spadina Avenue, Suite 310, Toronto
Link Community Information
and Referral Service
74-76 Sheppard Avenue East, North York

Independent Community Based Legal Clinics

Advocacy Centre for the Elderly
20 Holly Street, Suite 405
Toronto, (416) 487-7157

Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped
40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 255
Toronto, (416) 482-8255 (voice)
(416) 482-1254 (TTY)

Algoma Community Legal Clinic
123 March Street, Suite 503
Sault Ste. Marie, (705) 942-4900

Bloor Information and Legal Services
835 Bloor Street West
Toronto, (416) 531-7376

Canadian Environmental Law Association
243 Queen Street West, 4th Floor
Toronto, (416) 977-2410

Central Toronto Community Legal Clinic
364 Bathurst Street
Toronto, (416) 363-0304

Centre For Spanish Speaking Peoples
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